

Opening of the New Year Sees Increased Activity in the Arena of National Politics

WARRIOR HEADS WOOD IN NORTH DAKOTA

Republicans Think They See
Chance of Ousting Non-
Partisan League.

BISMARCK, N. D., January 3. (Special).—Predictions made on the floor of the house during the closing hours of the special session by Representative J. F. T. O'Connor of Grand Forks, minority leader, that resolutions passed by the majority condemning Attorney General William Langer and demanding his resignation "would make him the biggest man in North Dakota" are to be borne out, declare old-line political leaders who in the past have not been partial to the attorney general, but who now assert that he will be the next Governor of North Dakota.

The attorney general has always been a progressive. He was elected attorney general and re-elected on the Non-Partisan League ticket, and until his break with A. C. Townley a year ago was one of the league's trump cards.

Many of the old guard who had until now looked on from the side lines seem to be displaying a desire to get into the game on Langer's side as a result of some of the actions taken by the recent session. They are attempting to impeach Langer and other insurgent league officials, but which, the minority contends in debate, "condemned them without a hearing."

Find Role of Democratic Crown Prince Embarrassing



WILLIAM G. McADOO.
Who appears to be handicapped as a presidential candidate by the fact that he is son-in-law to a President who has the gift of silence.

COOLIDGE SITTING TIGHT IN BAY STATE

His Declination of Vice Presidency
Support in South
Dakota Startles.

BOSTON, January 3. (Special).—Gov. Coolidge's declination of the South Dakota nomination for the vice presidency rather startled the republican politicians, and for this reason: They have believed that Gov. Coolidge could have the second place on the ticket simply by nodding his head affirmatively.

One reason for this belief has been the fact that Lowden's friends several weeks ago came out for a Lowden and Coolidge ticket. Poindeston's manager countered on the Lowden men by declaring that if Coolidge was an avowed candidate for the first place they would not contest for delegates in Massachusetts; and furthermore, that they would not think of insulting Coolidge by trying to tie him up as a tail for the Poindeston kite.

There has been a feeling among the republican politicians that in case the anti-Wood men throughout the country should succeed in defeating Wood for the nomination, the opposition was most likely to unite on a Harding and Coolidge ticket. Others, however, have believed that a Lowden and Coolidge ticket would be more likely to be the winning one. It is now believed that Lowden, though generally known as a conservative, was not so reactionary as Harding, and that he had the better of what the old Roosevelt strength than could the Ohio senator.

Plans of the Politicians

The anti-Wood men, in addition to the old trick of playing one against the other in the field in the hope of thereby defeating Wood, are endeavoring to divide the old Roosevelt following. It had been assumed here by some politicians that Wood would be Roosevelt's residuary legate politically. The desire to split the Roosevelt strength, it is believed, has led to the formation of the League of the People, and of those who have been regarded as progressives, and Johnson's special interest in the Roosevelt's running mate in 1912.

Coolidge is Sitting Tight

One of Johnson's lieutenants has already been working in Massachusetts, but he is not wanting in internal evidence that he has met with some success.

In the meantime Gov. Coolidge is sitting tight. He has not made, nor will he make, unless he changes his mind radically, any formal announcement that he is a candidate for the presidential nomination. He is saying that he has his work here as governor to do, and that he is attending strictly to that work. His friends are working strenuously in his behalf, and because of his action in Massachusetts, he is getting more unsought newspaper publicity than any other man mentioned for the place throughout the state.

Though Gov. Coolidge has blocked the vice presidential current, it is probable that he will not be a candidate for the office. He has had more influence than it is likely they will now have in deciding who shall be the presidential nominee.

Massachusetts has not been in the habit of sending pledges to the national conventions. She may depart from that custom now, but if she does not it is probable that Wood will be the choice of at least half, if not more than half, of the Bay State delegation at Chicago.

FORREST P. HULL.

UTAH POLITICS AFFECTED BY GEN. YOUNG'S DEATH

Was Democrats' Most Likely Gubernatorial Possibility or Opponent for Senator Smoot.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, January 3. (Special).—The death of Brig. Gen. Richard W. Young has taken away the most likely candidate of the democratic party in Utah for the coming gubernatorial election, or else the candidate with whom the democrats had hoped they could defeat Senator Reed Smoot.

As commander of the 14th Field Artillery, Gen. Young had always been more than any other Utah man. His record previous to this time, both as a Regular Army officer and later as an attorney in Salt Lake, made him one of the leading figures in the democratic party of Utah.

Gen. Young had always refused to run for office, but it was reported in democratic circles up until the time of his death, last Sunday, that he would accept the nomination either for governor or senator on the democratic ticket.

It is generally conceded that the leaders of the democratic party in Utah will have a hard time finding a man among their ranks who can hope to have the strength Gen. Young would have had.

WILLIAM YATES.

Combinations May Be in Order to Stop Wood and Bryan Booms

By N. O. MESSENGER.

TWO combinations in restraint of presidential booms will soon be rendered necessary by force of circumstances, the politicians declare; one in the republican party and one in the democratic camp. It is said that the other republican candidates will have to combine to smash Wood before their field will become empty, and that the democratic advance will find it needful to checkmate Bryan before they can make moves to success.

Already the Wood people are beginning to say, grimly, to the other boomers: "You'll have to beat us before you get anywhere." In return the others say: "Well, you are not going to get away with this nomination merely with your efficiency organization that you brag about so much."

Bryan's boom, whether it has the active furthering aid of Mr. Bryan or not, is causing uneasiness to the friends of other prospective candidates. The visible evidences of the progress of the campaign in behalf of Mr. Bryan are not so disturbing as what might be called the psychology of the Bryan situation and his suspected aim and intention.

They tell an anecdote on Gov. Lowden's defiance. He was guest at a notable semi-official dinner here recently. One of his seat neighbors said something about Minnesota, and the governor remarked that he was born in Sunrise, Minn., in a cabin. Then he told a story which led the other fellow to remark: "Great guns, man, why you are the first pioneer candidate since Lincoln. Why don't you tell the country these things?"

The story which the governor related was that his father was a blacksmith and he was born in a cabin. There were Indians around in those days, and his mother carried him in her arms all the time to prevent his being stolen. Seven years later, in 1867, the family moved to Iowa, in a prairie schooner, and he was born there, the farmer, barefooted, most of the way. He worked on a farm and went to the district school. At fifteen he taught school and worked at day labor to get his college tuition. Then he went into a law office at \$8 a week for experience, and finally graduated from college at the head of the law class, later being recognized as one of the best lawyers in Chicago. After he got on his feet by his own efforts, he married Florence Pullman. He is a business man, a farmer, raising some of the best short-horn cattle in the west, and runs cotton plantations in the south. He has been in Congress and is governor of his state. Yet few people, his friends say, know these things.

Another incident to show his timidity about pushing himself forward is related. He is said to be the original official to put into practice the theory of a budget system. The first year the operation of the budget system in Illinois resulted in reducing the tax rate from 90 cents to 75 cents. Ten days ago the state tax board found it possible, through conservation of revenue and restriction of appropriations under the budget system, to lower it from 75 cents to 60 cents, but it is claimed the governor never demanded a scrip of credit for it. All of which makes his political backers very envious.

Senator Harding's friends are mightily encouraged and lifted up these days; indeed, they are wearing rather a cocky air and entertaining high hopes in the first place, things have been smoothed out in Ohio with the Wood faction there, so as to promise assurance of a united delegation from the Buckeye state for the senator for the presidential nomination.

But the main cause of their encouragement is declared to be their belief that the impending bitter fight between Gen. Wood and Gov. Lowden threatens a situation in the convention which will facilitate Senator Harding coming through as a compromise candidate. Many political observers in the street are heard commenting to the same effect.

The Harding boomers will not be downcast, it is said, even should the primary selection of delegates place him behind the other candidates in the actual number of delegates obtained. What they count most upon is the possibility of these delegates checking and holding off from victory either Lowden or Wood, and compelling the convention to turn to another, whereupon they will say: "Harding is the man."

William G. McAdoo is in a difficult position, his friends say. That there is an organized effort in his behalf for the nomination is well known, backed by Bernard Baruch and others. Propaganda work has been going on for months. But there is his father-in-law, the President, it is pointed out, whose name may be presented to the convention and the previous in the primary for the selection of delegates. The embarrassment is obvious.

At the same time, the politicians on the inside are not putting Mr. McAdoo into the discard, by any manner of means. They are biding their time, and meanwhile taking pains to overlook no bet.

Questionnaires, much in vogue since selective draft days, will be in evidence in this campaign. It has been related how the prohibitionists are to "questionnaire" the presidential candidates as to the thing to do, and how the treaty "advisers" in the Senate have started out to inquire into the attitude of republican candidates on the league of nations.

The fact is, there is a wide divergence of opinion among republicans about throwing the league of nations issue into the presidential campaign. Some of the Senate anti-treaty leaders think it is the thing to do, and they are supported by a following outside. Other Senate republicans of importance take the opposite view, and they have distinguished support in the party leadership at large. The early weeks of January may decide the course which is to be followed.

Advices come to Washington from the countryside, from sources worthy of consideration, that throwing the league into the campaign may be or may not be a good political move, but there is no question that the overwhelming sentiment of the country now favors ratification of the treaty with adequate reservations, irrespective of politics.

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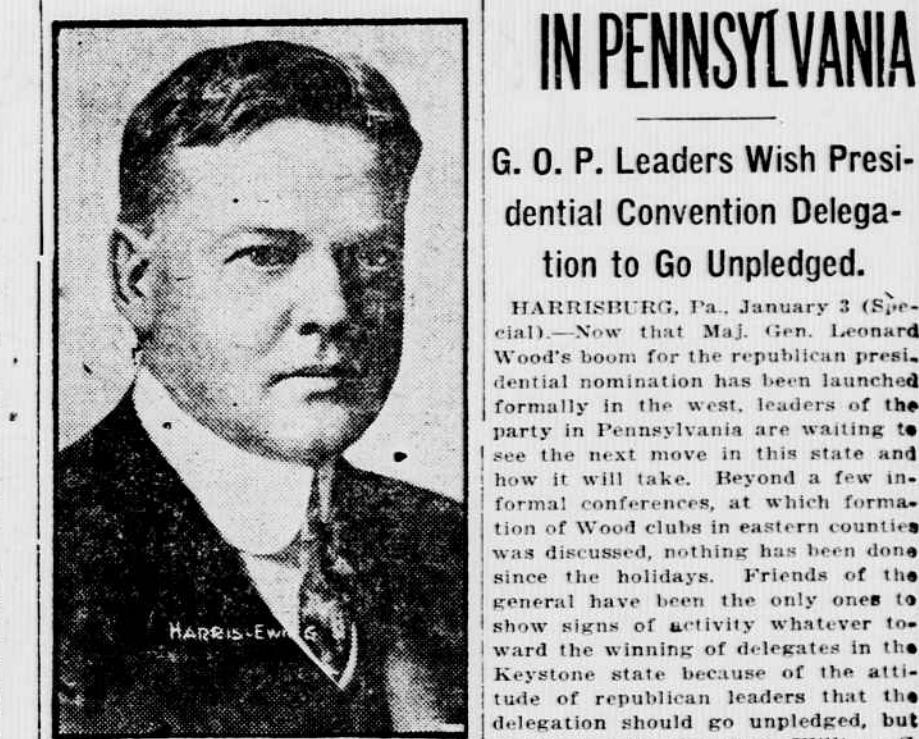
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"Man Without a Party" Talked Of for President



HERBERT HOOVER.
Political puzzle of 1920. The puzzle is: Has Hoover a presidential boom, despite the fact that his politics are unknown or because of that fact?

MARYLAND G. O. P. FACES HOT FIGHT

Goldsborough Followers to
Oppose O. E. Weller in
Senatorial Primary.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 3. (Special).—Another step was taken toward a republican senatorial primary fight in Maryland at one of the hottest political meetings held here in a long time. Followers of former Gov. Goldsborough from all parts of the state, gathered at Albright's, last Monday, assailed O. E. Weller's candidacy for the United States Senate and authorized the appointment of a committee of twenty-seven to suggest a man who would have the undivided support of the republican party. As Weller, whose leadership of the Maryland republican organization Mr. Goldsborough is disputing, is believed certain to refuse to abandon his ambition to wear a toga, the internal war seems on in earnest.

Mr. Weller Announces

Mr. Weller yesterday filed formal announcement of his candidacy, which followed by a letter to the members of the Goldsborough conference, was regarded as his final answer to the talk of a compromise candidate.

Mr. Goldsborough, eliminating himself from the senatorial race, showed his cards at the Albright meeting when he declared that he would not go to the Senate. "I might have had a lurking ambition to try again, but I am content to see my party first and my ambition second. If I am one of the leaders of a faction, put me aside; if Mr. Weller is the leader of a faction, put him aside. Select a man who can take the banner of Washington, Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt, and perch it on the peaks of victory."

Open Charges Made

Mr. Weller was charged by other speakers at the meeting with having prevented the Maryland republicans from electing the governor in the recent campaign by heading off the candidacy of Bladen W. Lowndes. He was branded as a political tyrant and charged with putting his personal ambition ahead of his party. His political associates, William P. Jackson and United States Senator Francis Pickens, were lambasted by innuendo when comment was made upon the part played by Weller in the recent campaign. On the other hand, Bladen W. Lowndes, who, though a friend of Weller, had failed to come out for Goldsborough in the present fight, also was assailed. As Mr. Lowndes was the one man in the republican party who might have smoothed matters out, it now looks like efforts at party harmony will be abandoned. Edwin G. Baetjer is most spoken of as the man to oppose Weller should the party finally develop.

Views of Opposition Strength

Opinion differs as to the strength of the opposition to the Weller candidacy, but the indications are that it is powerful enough to give Weller a hard time. The face of Senator John Walter Smith, who has no opposition to date for a democratic renomination.

The meeting of the anti-Wellerites developed nothing in the nature of a movement. Gen. Leonard Wood, who is expected to be a candidate for the presidency, there had been talk that such a move might be made, but if the Wood boomers were hanging around of all they did, they did so quietly. Weller and former Senator Jackson and the lesser leaders of the state organization are for an unstructured delegation.

New Paper Money in Germany

BERLIN, January 3.—New paper money to the extent of 1,400,000,000 marks will be placed in circulation during the holiday week, according to a statement just issued by the Imperial Bank. (German press.) The new totals more than 47,724,000,000 marks.

AMBASSADOR WALLACE WILL BE HOST TO SHAH

PARIS, January 3.—Hugh C. Wallace, United States ambassador to France, will give a dinner and reception in honor of the Shah of Persia on January 10.

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